

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed and considered the Examiner's Action mailed February 20, 2008, in which the subject matter of claims 20-28 were indicated as being allowable over the prior art of record, if rewritten in independent form. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the comments set forth below.

By this Amendment, claims 10 has been amended to include all the limitations of dependent intermediate claims 18 and 19 and allowable claim 20, claims 1-9, 11, and 18-20 have been canceled and claims 21, and 25-28 have been amended. No claims have been added. Consequently, claims 10, 12-17, and 21-35 remain pending in the present application, all of which containing the limitations of claim 20 being indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

In particular, since currently amended independent claim 10 includes all the limitations of allowable claim 20 and intermediate claims 18-19, it is believed that claim 10 and its dependent claims 12-17 and 20-28 are allowable over the prior art of record.

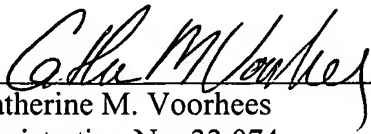
Moreover, since independent claim 29 includes all the limitations of currently amended claim 10, it is believed that claim 29 and its dependent claims 30-35 are allowable over the prior art of record.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of record be withdrawn and that a Notice of Allowance be issued indicating that claims 10, 12-17, and 21-35 are allowed over the prior art of record.

Should the Examiner believe that a conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned counsel to arrange such a conference.

Respectfully submitted,

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